Office of the Narcotics control Bureau in North Eastern Regions

1089. SHRIMATI KAMALA SINHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to stated:

(a) whether there is any office of Narcotics Control Bureau in the North-Eastern States;

(b) if so, what are the strength and details of functioning of the office;

(c) what is the figure of drugs seized in this area in the past three years; and

(d) whether such seizures are affected by officers posted in the zone?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH). (a) Yes, Sir. There is a Regional unit of Narcotics Control Bureau functioning at Imphal from December, 1990.

(b) The sanctioned strength of the staff for the office and the working strength are as under:-

	Sanctioned	Working
1. Asstt. Director .	1	1
2. Superintendent .	1	1
3. Intelligence Officers .	5	3
4. Stenographer .	1	..
5. Sepoy .	5	..
6. Driver .	1	1

(c) The details of seizure of drugs in all the seven North-Eastern States during the past three years are given below:—

(In Kgs)

Year	Heroin	Ganja	Opium	Cocaine	Mandrax
1988	6	7554	27	..	1·5
1989	20	17773	82	2·660	..
1990	9	1757	..	..	..

(d) The above seizure of drugs are effected by various enforcement agencies operating in the area which includes Narcotics Control Bureau, Customs, Police, State Excise authorities etc.

Trade Pact Signed with USSR

1090. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and the Soviet Union have recently signed a trade pact, if so, what is the likely turnover in Rupee in 1991, indicating the major items of our exports and imports;

(b) whether it is a fact that inadequate transport infrastructure may hit our trade with USSR as reported in the Financial Express dated the 15th February, 1991; and if so, what remedial steps Government have taken in this regard; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that supplies of items like metal scrap pig iron, raw hides and crude oil from USSR are lower than India planned for, if so, what action Government propose to take to ease the situation including handling of Cargo facilities at Indian Ports during Monsoon season?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SHANTI LAL PUROSHOTTAMDAS PATEL): (a) The Indo-Soviet Trade Protocol for 1991, providing for a total trade turnover of Rs. 9411 crores, was

signed on 13th December, 1990. The items of exports to USSR include Agricultural products, Mineral & Ores, Chemical and Allied Products, Leather and leather manufactures. Textiles, Engineering goods, etc. The import list includes Machinery, Equipment and spare parts, Crude Oil and Petroleum Products, Fertilizers, Chemicals and Pharmaceutical products, Steel products, Non-Ferrous Metals, etc.

(b) In the event of transportation facilities being inadequate bilateral trade between India and the Soviet Union will be adversely affected. The transport infrastructure is accordingly closely being *monitored by both Governments. The* Indo-Soviet Sub-Group on Transportation under the Working Group on Trade and the Indo-Soviet Joint Committee on Shipping have been set up to find short term and long term solutions to the constraints in the transport sector.

(c) As the Indo-Soviet Trade Plan for 1991 is valid upto December, 1991 it is difficult to assess the actual supply position of various items at this stage.

Income tax raids on builders and tent house owners

1091. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Income Tax raids were conducted at the premises of a large number of builders and tent house owners in the Capital during February, 1991;

(b) if so, what are the details of such raids;

(c) what are the details of cash, jewellery and other incriminating documents etc., seized during the raids from each of the raiding premises; and

(d) what actions has been taken against the tax evaders?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (c) In February, 1991 searches were conducted in Delhi, *inter alia* in the case of a tent house owner and in the case of a person engaged in the business of construction and readymade garments. In the case of the tent house owner cash of Rs. 2.45 lakhs, jewellery valued at Rs. 14.81 lakhs and other assets valued at Rs. 15.90 lakhs were seized besides incriminating books and documents during the course of search. In the case of the person engaged in the business of construction and ready-made garments, besides incriminating books and documents, jewellery valued at Rs. 7.90 lakhs and other assets valued at Rs. 0.73 lakhs were seized.

(d) Scrutiny of seized documents and follow-up action as called for under the Income Tax Act have been taken up.

Loan advanced under Textile modernisation Fund

1092. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to increase the quantum of loans available under Textiles Modernisation Fund;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether the interest rates for modernisation are proposed to be lowered; and

(d) if so, to what extent the handloom weavers in the country are likely to be benefited by this fund?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) Assistance under the Textile Modernisation Fund Scheme is need based and no cailing is prescribed for the amount of loans to individual mills.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The Textile Modernisation Fund has been set up to meet the modernisation requirements of textile mills.